



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

REP. ANN BOLLIN

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

12:00 PM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics was called to order by Chair Bollin.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Whitsett moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 4, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Wendzel moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 11, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4690 and HB 4691 before the committee:

HB 4690 (Rep. Kahle)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 5 (MCL 4.415), as amended by 1986 PA 83.

HB 4691 (Rep. Sabo)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 472, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate lobbyists, lobbyist agents, and lobbying activities; to require registration of lobbyists and lobbyist agents; to require the filing of reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of state; to

prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," (MCL 4.411 to 4.431) by adding section 7a.

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4690. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: None.

Representative Calley moved to report out HB 4690 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: None.

Representative Filler moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4691. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: None.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to report out HB 4691 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.  
Nays: None.  
Pass: None.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid HJRD before the committee:

HJRD (Rep. Lasinski)

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 16 and 27 of article IV, to allow for the suspension of salaries and expense allowances for legislators, and to modify certain effective date and immediate effect provisions.

Representative Koleszar moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HJRD. The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Whitsett moved to report out HJRD with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 7-0-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler, Koleszar, Whitsett.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HCR 5 before the committee:

HCR 5	(Rep. Damoose)	A concurrent resolution to reaffirm states' rights under the United States Constitution to establish election laws.
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Patrice Johnson, representing Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections, submitted a card in support of the House Concurrent Resolution.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to report out HCR 5 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 5-2-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Bollin, Wendzel, Calley, Steven Johnson, Filler.

Nays: Reps. Koleszar, Whitsett.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4837, HB 4838, HB 4839 and HB 4840 before the committee:

HB 4837	(Rep. Lightner)	A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 509o and 509r (MCL 168.509o and 168.509r), section 509o as amended by 2018 PA 126 and section 509r as amended by 2018 PA 125.
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HB 4838	(Rep. Green)	A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 668b and 795 (MCL 168.668b and 168.795), section 668b as added by 2018 PA 614 and section 795 as amended by 2018 PA 127.
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HB 4839	(Rep. Paquette)	A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 759 (MCL 168.759), as amended by 2020 PA 302.
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HB 4840	(Rep. Borton)	A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 811 and 847 (MCL 168.811 and 168.847), section 811 as
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amended by 2018 PA 603 and section 847 as amended by 2012 PA 271.

Representative Lightner testified in support of her legislation. Questions and discussion followed.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified with concerns on HB 4837. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Green testified in support of his legislation. Questions and discussion followed.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified with concerns on HB 4838. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Paquette testified in support of his legislation.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified with concerns on HB 4839. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Borton testified in support of his legislation. Questions and discussion followed.

Adam Reames, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified with concerns on HB 4840. Questions and discussion followed.

Jennifer Koziak, representing the Oakland County Republican Party Executive Committee, testified on HB 4838.

Dale Campbell, representing herself, testified in support of HB 4838.

Dr. Linda Lee Tarver, representing herself as an election integrity expert, testified in opposition to HB 4837, 4838, and 4839.

Patrice Johnson, and Rebecca Beheudo, both representing Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections, testified in support of HB 4837 and HB 4838.

Pam Smith, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified on the bills.

Kristin Reeves, representing herself, testified on the bills. Question and discussion followed.

Robert Brines, testified in support of HB 4838.

Articia Bomer, representing Freezing Fraud from Future Elections, testified in support of the bills.

Adam de Angeli, representing Rescue Michigan Coalition, testified in support of the bills.

Mark Brocious, representing himself, testified in support of the bills.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4838, but due to the time constraints

were unable to speak:

William Lethemon, Jr..

Andrew Ditchfield.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4837, HB 4838, HB 4839 and HB 4840, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Dawn Barnhouse.

Carol Braymer.

Sara Main.

Pam Dawson.

Mark Perry.

Ann Tingay.

Martin Szelag.

Marilyn Dear.

Carol Brown.

Kathy Koehler.

Paul Kehoe.

Kim Harris.

Charles Schott.

Jeanette Wareham.

Martha Blondke Gottschall.

Dr. Tamara Mitchell.

Sarah Luce, representing herself, submitted a card on HB 4838, 4839, 4840, but did not wish to speak.

Robert Brines, representing the 11th CDRC, submitted a card in support of HB 4837, 4839, and 4840, but did not wish to speak.

Willaim Lethemon, Jr., representing the 11th CDRC, submitted a card in support of HB 4837, 4839, and 4840, but did not wish to speak.

Andrew Ditchfield, representing himself, submitted a card in support of HB 4837, 4839, and 4840, but did not wish to speak.

Susan Helke, representing the 11th CDRC, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, submitted a card in support of HB 4837, in opposition to HB 4840, and with a neutral position on HB 4838 and HB 4839, but did not wish to speak.

Nicholas Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, submitted a card on HB 4837.

Merissa Kovach, representing the ACLU of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4837 and in support of 4839, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Ann Bollin adjourned the meeting at 1:23 PM.

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Representative Ann Bollin, Chair

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